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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: IMAMURA, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/121,017  
Filed: July 22, 1998  
For: **HEPARIN-BINDING PROTEINS  
MODIFIED WITH SUGAR CHAINS,  
METHOD OF PRODUCING THE  
SAME AND PHARMACEUTICAL  
COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING THE  
SAME**  
Examiner: D. Saunders (Art Unit 1644)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 25, 2002

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

S I R:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the references cited are enclosed herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, it is believed that no fee is due. However, if it is determined that any fee is due, the Examiner is authorized to charge said fee to Attorney Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

This Information Disclosure Statement is not a representation that the documents cited herein are considered most pertinent, or that a search has been undertaken or that any of the cited documents is indeed prior art. The Examiner is invited to undertake an independent search.

It is respectfully requested that the references cited on the accompanying PTO Form-1449 be considered and made of record. Applicants further request that a copy of the Form PTO-1449, appropriately initialed by the Examiner be returned to Applicant's attorney. If any of the publications listed thereon are missing, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned so that a copy can be promptly forwarded.

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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